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A METHOD FOR TESTING PERITONEUM :  
FUNCTION AND A PERITONEAL :  
DIALYSIS PLANNING APPARATUS :  
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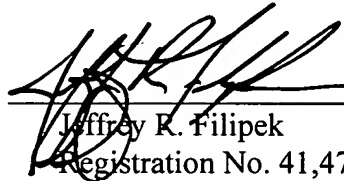
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- JP 10-502569 corresponds to WO 96/33753 and US 5,670,057
5. ☒ An International Search Report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	5,670,057	9-23-97	Chen et al.			
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	AO	Akiyasu YAMASHITA, "Peritoneal function and its evaluation", Kidney and Dialysis, June 2002, Vol. 52, No. 6, pages 705-708
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